

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

During a telephone conversation between the Examiner and Mr. Lawrenz, Reg. No. 37,376 on 07/05/05, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of group I, i.e., Claims 28-61.

It is hereby affirmed that Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of group I, Claims 28-61.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC §101

According to the Office Action, Claims 28-30 and 58-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Claims 58-61 are cancelled. According to the Office Action, Claims 28-30 are rejected because the preamble and steps in the claims "cover a manual act such that the claims could be performed using papers and pens." It is respectfully submitted that Claims 28-30 meet at least the "new and useful process" requirement of 35 U.S.C. §101.

However, in the interest of expediting prosecution of the instant application, the claims are amended to include a "computer-implemented method" in the preamble.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 28-48, 50-61 rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) over Munch, "Versioning in Software Engineering Database – the Change Oriented Way", 1993.

Claims 28-30, 33, 36, 39-45, 47, 49-51, 53, 55, 56, 57

Independent Claim 28, as amended, includes at least the novel feature of collecting from repositories object definitions for identifying a first and second set of modified objects.

The cited art does not disclose or suggest such a feature. Thus, independent Claim 28 is patentable over the cited art. Independent Claims 52, 56 and 57 contain features similar to those of Claim 28. Therefore, Claims 52, 56 and 57 are allowable for at least the reasons set forth herein with respect to Claim 28.


Claims 29-30, 33, 36, 39-45, 47, and 49-51 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon independent Claim 28 and include all the features of Claim 28. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 29-30, 33, 36, 39-45, 47, and 49-51 are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein with respect to Claim 28. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 29-30, 33, 36, 39-45, 47, and 49-51 recite additional features that independently render these Claims patentable over the cited art. Claims 53 and 55 are directly dependent upon independent Claim 52 and include all the features of Claim 52. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 53 and 55 are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein with respect to Claim 52. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 53 and 55 recite additional features that independently render these Claims patentable over the cited art.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 384818510US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: October 12, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Carina M. Tan.

Registration No.: 45,769

PERKINS COIE LLP
P.O. Box 1247
Seattle, Washington 98111-1247
(206) 359-8000
(206) 359-7198 (Fax)